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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/683,622	Applicant(s) ALGHOULI, MUWAFFAQ	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Applicant's election without traverse of species of figure 2 including claims 1-2 and 5-6 in the reply filed on 01/06/05 is acknowledged.

2. Claims 2 and 4 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 2, it is unclear how the socket top is interrelated and associated with a socket. Furthermore, it is unclear whether plural prong like holding members are positively claimed since the term "may have" is indefinite.

In claim 4, it is unclear whether the holding members are etched on a BGA socket top. The term "may be" is indefinite. Appropriate correction is required.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maruyama et al (Pat # 6,249,135).

As to claims 1, Maruyama et al disclose in figure 3 an apparatus for testing BGA having a printed circuit board (40), a socket slot (42) for holding a socket (10a) for testing an BGA (1) and a plurality of holding members (24a) for supporting BGA solder balls (2).

In claim 2, it appears that the socket top (20) having a plural prong like members (24A).

As to claim 5, it appears that the holding members (24a) are etched on the socket top (20)

As to claims 6, it appears that the holding members (24A) are flexible to provide support for the solder balls (2).

5. The brochure cited on PTO-A820 by Applicant has not been considered because it does not have a date .

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hiroi (Pat # 6,373,267) disclose ball grid array integrated circuit testing device.

Fukasawa et al (Pat # 6,246,249) disclose semiconductor inspection apparatus and inspection method using the apparatus.

Hirai et al (Pat # 6,517,362) disclose spiral contactor semiconductor device inspecting apparatus and electronic part using same and method of manufacturing the same.


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VINH P. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1964. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 571-272-2034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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